their family food budget, since the monthly quota will be raised from 10 kgs. to 20 kgs. In case of sugar, the impact on consumer will be nominal.

Prevention of Deafness and Japanese Encephalitis

*125. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have discontinued the programme for prevention of deafness and impairment of hearing and Japanese Encephalitis Control in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, how these are being implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) All India Institute of Speech & Hearing, Mysore is currently carrying out a pilot project with Plan funds on Prevention of Deafness and Hearing Impairment. In addition, E.N.T. Department in Government Hospitals provide treatment of ear infections, which if left unattended could lead to hearing loss/deafness.

Under the National Anti-Malaria Programme, technical guidance and material assistance is provided to the State Governments for prevention and control of various vector borne diseases, including Japanese Encephalitis.

Recovery of penalty from Ranbaxy

*126. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recovered Rs. 40 crores penalty from M/s. Ranbaxy for overcharge on Revital;

(b) whether it is a fact that Revital has been approved as food supplement;

(c) if so, the name of Officers involved in supporting overcharge and granting approval to Revital as food supplement, keeping aside the rules and regulations of Drugs and Cosmetic Act;